

## Hawaiian Gazette

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MR. OLSON'S speech Tuesday will be found in full in this morning's issue. It is one of the very best political speeches which we have heard in this country, and is an able and convincing vindication of the cause of annexation from the highest point of view.

THE news of the rescue of the Lady Lampson's missing boat will be hailed with satisfaction by all who followed with interest and sympathy the philanthropic efforts of our own Government on behalf of the shipwrecked men. These efforts cost more than four thousand dollars, but no humane man will grudge this sum. The high value set on human life is one of the characteristic marks of civilization, and its absence one of the surest marks of a crude or savage society.

THE enemies of annexation have found their pens at last, and they have filled the San Francisco papers with their effusions on this subject. The Examiner of the 11th contains a long manifesto which someone has written for the ex-Queen to sign, but which she seems did not sign, and Arthur Peterson has written a long letter abounding with the most palpable misrepresentations, and purporting to be the only true history of the "revolt," as this Rip van Winkle calls the revolution. It is to be feared that these productions will excite nothing more than a literary interest, and even that will be of a very mild character.

THE meeting held Tuesday for the organization of an annexation club was largely attended and was enthusiastic throughout. No special effort was made to secure a large attendance, and many of the best friends of annexation stayed at home. Yet the Drill Shed was crowded, and not less than eight hundred persons were present. One thousand and nineteen names have already been attached to the roll, though there has been no systematic canvass, and hundreds more can readily be obtained. The spirit of the meeting surprised the most ardent friends of the government. The feeling for annexation is stronger than ever, and it is steadily growing. While the foreign community is fast becoming a unit on the subject, natives are also being won over, and the three Hawaiian annexation speeches are an encouraging sign of the times.

THE death of H. A. Taine, of which intelligence was received by the Australia, ends the career of one of the most influential critics of the present generation. Taine is best known to English readers by his English Literature, which Van Laun's splendid translation has made accessible to tens of thousands of readers on both sides of the Atlantic. This work, however, represents but a fraction of Taine's activity. Besides his history of the French Revolution, he was the author of philosophical treatises, Notes of Art and Travel, and Literary Essays. He was a keen thinker, and the master of a brilliant style, seasoned however with somewhat too much piquancy to suit an unpretentious palate. Taine's views on some of the English authors, notably on Shakespeare and Milton, have excited much opposition among English writers and readers, but while it is plain that he did not fully appreciate the former, there is certainly much justice in his severe strictures upon the latter poet. The author of the famous "History of English Literature" was a true cosmopolitan, and while his standpoint is French throughout, his criticism is marked by a spirit of impartiality and candor which deserves the highest praise.

## AN ESCAPED HEATHEN.

The Committee of Kaunakapili

Church, as stated in these columns elsewhere, has acquitted J. W. Alapai on the charge of idolatry preferred against him. Now who is going to acquit the Committee?

It does not appear that there was anything advanced by Mr. Alapai to disprove the charges except a bundle of old doctor's bills. If the well-known definition of a "missionary" as "a man who pays his bills" be adopted, then it becomes evident why Mr. Alapai produced these evidences of payment. It is not likely, however, that he had this definition in mind, so that his reason for bringing forth the bills is still to seek. That he patronized other doctors besides the "unihipi" is not unlikely, for the insatiable appetite of this spirit for rum and bananas must have made serious inroads upon the family constitution. Faith in one doctor would not necessarily prevent recourse to another.

Two reasons may readily be imagined for the acquittal of this hardened old heathen. Some of his judges may have themselves been worshippers of two sets of gods, and therefore sympathizers of Alapai's and if not, it is highly probable that they were at least superstitious enough to have a lively fear of his power. The incident is a characteristic one, though the result is doubtless very discouraging to those who are striving to banish from the native churches the power of ancient superstition.

## THE LATEST FROM WASHINGTON.

The advices from Washington which came by the Australia last week, have been received with various feelings. Those who were looking with confidence to the immediate ratification of the Treaty by the Senate were of course disappointed. On the other hand, those who did not anticipate so speedy a solution of the question, and who regarded the attitude of the Cleveland administration with doubt and anxiety, are well pleased with the turn which affairs have taken.

Of course we would all have been pleased if the matter could have been settled without further delay. But the action which Mr. Cleveland has taken is not unnatural or unanswerable from his point of view. In the nature of the case, his administration must shoulder the responsibility of whatever is done. The responsibility is a grave one, and Mr. Cleveland doubtless feels that it will be safer to take final action only upon a report made by a Commission appointed for the express purpose of investigating the situation. The composition of the Commission is highly significant and affords a clear indication of the sentiments of the new administration as to Hawaiian annexation.

The fullest investigation is courted by the friends of annexation and they need have no fears as to the issue of any inquiry conducted by men of capacity and character. Such an inquiry can only show that the moral and material interests of Hawaii are dependent upon annexation to the United States, and that the United States cannot either with profit or honor take a single step backward. No step of that kind is going to be taken.

## D. L. HUNTSMAN.

The cold blooded murder of D. L. Huntsman by August Herring has produced a feeling of general indignation. It is a time-honored custom not to speak ill of the dead. De mortuis nil nisi bonum. Mr. Huntsman was not a popular character. Neither his good nor his bad qualities permitted him to be so. He was but little known, and his attitude in politics antagonized people who did not always pause to inquire how far they were just.

Mr. Huntsman had two qualities which entitle him to admiration. Of his ability and sincerity there can be little question. He was a writer of great directness and force, a man evidently of quite varied reading and attainments. His views were always very pronounced, and he never scrupled

to express them with a want of reserve which almost always gave offence to someone. We have had occasion to differ from him very widely, and must hold to the opinion that his views were often extreme and the expression of them extravagant, but it may be said of him that he was one of the few men in Honolulu who are not afraid to tell the truth. The character is rare and it is entitled to high honor.

Of the causes that led to his violent end we know nothing. Doubtless they will be made to appear at the trial and it is not necessary to consider them here. There is something very interesting and very tragic about the story of this eccentric recluse, whose career in Honolulu has been brought to so violent an end.

## BOARD OF HEALTH MATTERS.

The re-organization of the Board of Health is already showing its good effects in a more complete systemization of the work of the Board. The different matters coming under the supervision of the Board have been classified and are assigned to sub-committees. The Committee on Leprosy is composed of Dr. Miner and John Ena, that on Quarantine and Contagious Diseases consists of Dr. Day and J. T. Waterhouse, while questions of public health and sanitation will come under the especial supervision of Dr. Andrews and J. O. Carter. Each committee, it will be observed, includes one physician and one layman.

It is a trite observation that everybody's business is nobody's business. When seven men are co-responsible each can generally unload an unpleasant responsibility on the joint or several shoulders of his colleagues. The tendency to do so is deeply rooted in this frail human nature of ours, and the best of men are hardly free from it. Its operation is a familiar phenomenon in American politics, particularly in municipal government, where boards of aldermen run riot, and in New York City has led to the concentration of greater power, with its consequent responsibility, in the hands of the mayor. It is to be hoped that the sub-division of work among committees will not only tend to greater efficiency, but will also assist in fixing responsibility here.

The Board, we are given to understand, is devoting a good deal of attention to the sanitary condition of the city, and it is to be hoped that they will devise some means of improving it. Nothing thoroughly effectual can be done, however, until there is some system of sewerage. The practical consideration of this problem cannot much longer be postponed. There are quarters of the city, as in the blocks around Maunakea street, which are in the foulest possible state. Many of the houses are not on the street at all, but are reached by long narrow passages. The best will in the world can hardly achieve cleanliness and health in these miserable slums. They stand in need of a thorough cleaning out, and the cleaning out would better precede the cholera, and not wait until the dread disease takes up a permanent residence here.

## Kaiulani's Claim.

No one has yet explained satisfactorily what legal claim Princess Kaiulani has to the throne of Hawaii. She is not of the blood royal of the Kamehamehas, nor is she even the daughter of the deposed Queen Liliuokalani. The Queen had named her as her successor, it is true, but like many other personages she finds herself unable to deliver the goods. The Princess' claim or title certainly must fall with that of the Queen, and her title is not worth talking of since her deposition. —S. F. Chronicle.

Three days is a very short time in which to cure a bad case of rheumatism; but it can be done if the proper treatment is adopted, as will be seen by the following from James Lambert, of New Brunswick, Ill.: "I was badly afflicted with rheumatism in the hips and legs, when I bought a bottle of Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It cured me in three days. I am all right today; and would insist on everyone who is afflicted with that terrible disease to use Chamberlain's Pain Balm and get well at once." 50 cent bottles for sale by BENSON, SMITH & Co., agents for the Hawaiian Islands.

## SEEKING REVENGE.

## An Enraged Brother After His Sister's Alleged Betrayal.

Wednesday between the hours of 11 o'clock and noon, a pistol shot was fired in a room in a house on Alakea, near King street. It was fired, so the police think, by Thomas Finegan. The shot was intended for Joseph R. O'Connor. O'Connor arrived four weeks ago on the Australia. He was accompanied by a tall young woman, whom he said was his wife. O'Connor is a tin-type artist, and since his sojourn here has been connected with the Aloha Gallery in that capacity. He is not of average height, and looks like a typical California hoodlum.

Finegan is the brother of the young woman. He shipped as a member of the crew of the Australia for the purpose of recovering his sister and to meet the man who took her from her home.

They must have met Wednesday morning, and the pistol shot is the result.

From all accounts the ball did not take effect. The two men immediately disappeared.

The following history of O'Connor and his escapade is taken from the San Francisco Chronicle:

The officers of the steamer Australia were haunted by a sad-eyed little woman, with a piteous quaver in her voice as she asked for information. She carried a cabinet photograph of a good-looking but weak faced young fellow, and it was of the original that she desired to ask questions.

His name, she said, was Joseph R. O'Connor, and she was his wife. They lived at 912 Ellis street with their three babies until a month ago, when the husband and father gave her \$21, kissed her good-bye and sailed away for Honolulu with another woman.

Steward James and First Officer Lawless, with one or two others, had no difficulty in recognizing the face of the handsome scoundrel as that of a steerage passenger who signed his name as J. Wilson. He attracted extra attention on the Australia's last trip to the islands by his attention to a tall hoodlumpish girl who was registered as his wife. They were never apart and the pseudo Wilson made quite a scene by offering to fight a fellow-passenger who offered the girl some ordinary courtesy. Wilson had very little money, as James had reason to know, but he thought that he had little difficulty in obtaining work in Honolulu as soon as he landed, on account of the army of newspaper correspondents there creating a demand for illustrations.

Mrs. O'Connor only needed the identification of the photograph to complete the link in her story, as her information that her husband had escaped by the Australia was not positive. She married O'Connor in 1885 and has three children, the youngest a boy of three and the oldest a boy of six. O'Connor was employed by the Globe Portrait Company at a salary of \$25 per week, and was a good provider until about a year ago. The children kept Mrs. O'Connor closely confined to the house, and her husband began to seek amusement alone. His wife's allowance for housekeeping expenses dwindled until for the past six months she has not had over five or six dollars a week for food and clothing.

During the holidays O'Connor became acquainted with Kittie Finegan, a well-grown girl, whose home was at 1836 Stevenson street. There was a mutual attraction, and ever since O'Connor has been her "steady company," posing to her parents as a single man. She is the woman who accompanied him to Honolulu on the Australia, judging from the tally in the description and the fact that she has not been home since the last sailing of the steamer.

Thomas Finegan, the brother of the young girl, made arrangements which promise to lead to an avenging of the wrongs of his sister and the deserted Mrs. O'Connor. He is a stalwart young painter, with stern ideas of morality and a human desire for revenge. The Finegans are not well provided with money, but the young man disposed of the passage price difficulties in the way of his trip by securing employment on the Australia as a painter, and sailed for the islands to recover his sister and seriously damage the man who lured her from her home.

Advices received by this mail record the death, in San Francisco, of Mr. A. Aschheim, who resided in Honolulu for several years, and was a partner in the business firm of M. S. Grinbaum & Co., of this city. It will be remembered that Mr. Aschheim was compelled, by serious illness some months since, to leave for San Francisco, where he died on the 7th instant at the early age of 28 years.

It has been the custom for years to issue one or more saloon licenses to wholesale houses. It is understood that the authorities will insist that the licenses be changed and be re-issued to the head man in each saloon. This is done in order to hold a bar-keeper responsible for any infraction of the law.

The charge of assault with a deadly weapon against August Herring, who shot D. L. Huntsman, has been changed to one of murder in the first degree. It is understood that C. W. Ashford will defend him.

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